

the co-chair and co-found of the Friends of a Free, Stable, and Democratic Syria Caucus. I was honored to work with my colleagues on the caucus in passing the Caesar Act, strong bipartisan legislation that punishes Bashar al-Assad for his crimes against humanity.

The humanitarian dimensions of the conflict in Syria also extend to areas outside Assad's control. Millions struggle in the Northwest under harsh conditions, particularly the internally displaced who lack proper shelter living in tents with limited access to basic essentials. The U.S. cannot allow Russia to block reauthorization of the remaining cross-border point at Bab al-Hawa. The implications of denying much needed aid could produce the worst humanitarian disaster of the entire conflict.

We must also push back against the resurgence of ISIS in eastern Syria. I applaud the Biden Administration for the resumption of funding stabilization projects to gradually rebuild ISIS-liberated areas. Stabilization efforts must be robust and sustained to achieve a positive outcome.

Syria is a nation with many challenges but one that the United States and the world cannot ignore or look away from. I salute the efforts of the Syrian-American community's advocacy to address these challenges in calling for a free Syria and look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to achieve that goal.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF
COLORADO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 28, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Jewish Family Service of Colorado (JFS) for 150 years of service to our community.

Jewish Family Service of Colorado has been an outstanding pillar in our community, improving the lives of individuals and families throughout Colorado by delivering comprehensive support services. In 1872, JFS was founded with the establishment of the Hebrew Ladies Benevolent Society to help the needs of Denver's 300 Jewish pioneers. Later, in response to the growing need for refugee settlement during World War II, JFS merged with the Denver Coordinating Committee for Immigrants, forming the Jewish Family and Children's Services, what is now the Jewish Family Service of Colorado. Today, the organization offers over 30 services, including housing stability, food security, employment support, and disability services. JFS continues to have an exceptional impact in our district and across the Denver Metro region and Colorado, serving all people in need by aiding in crises and committing to a continuum of care.

I applaud the Jewish Family Service of Colorado for their incredible work and commitment to our community. I want to extend my deepest appreciation for their 150 years of service, and look forward to their continued service in the coming years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MEGAN
MELISSA BUGG

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 28, 2022

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Megan Bugg of Coal City, Illinois, who passed away in her home on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 after a seven year and three month battle with Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma. Megan will be greatly missed by many, but most especially her family, whom she loved dearly. Megan believed that everyone deserved the honor of dignity, respect, and kindness, and she lived her life spreading that message.

Throughout Megan's battle with childhood cancer, she maintained a positive attitude and zest for life that became an inspiration for family, friends, and many others. Although Megan was fighting her own personal battle, she made her fight about something much bigger than herself by becoming a passionate advocate for childhood cancer awareness and the need for increased funding for cancer research. She lobbied legislators for the cause and helped lead marches in Washington, D.C. calling for increased funding for childhood cancer research. I was lucky enough to meet Megan on one of these visits and was incredibly impressed by her courage, passion, and spirit. It's no wonder she was chosen as the 2019 American Red Cross Youth Hero, one of the Morris Daily Herald "Women of the Year" recipients, a Joliet Herald News "Everyday Hero", the Grand Marshall of the Grundy County Comfest Parade, and had her efforts honored by the Illinois Legislature in House Resolution 1071. In recognition of her achievements, the Children's Cancer Therapy Development Institute of Oregon is opening the "Megan Bugg Global Rhabdomyosarcoma Research Lab" to carry on Megan's goal of making sure no more children go through what she endured.

Without a doubt, the world feels a void in the absence of Megan's steadfast presence. As her family shared, Megan had a sense of humor that could light up the room and held a genuine love for all of those around her. They will remember all the lives she touched and by honoring her in this way, they can keep her spirit alive and continue to inspire others as she inspired so many.

Megan is survived by her father, mother, and sister. She is also survived by her paternal grandparents and her maternal grandparents. May the memories of her light be a comfort to her family and friends, and may we all carry her legacy forward in putting an end to childhood cancer.

Madam Speaker, in expressing my condolences, I want to take this time to also encourage the family, friends, and the community to celebrate the life of Megan Bugg—not only for her service in helping address the specific obstacles related to childhood cancer awareness, but for being a beacon of light and hope for all of those who had the opportunity to meet her. She remains an inspiration to not only her community, but to me as well.

IN MEMORY OF PASTOR ROLESTA
BERNICE BODDIE ELLIS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 28, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an inspiring woman, loving wife, devoted mother, and woman of God, Pastor Rolesta B. Ellis. Sadly, Pastor Ellis transitioned from labor to reward on Monday, March 7, 2022, at the age of 89. Pastor Ellis lay in Honor at her beloved church, Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle of Faith, on Thursday, March 10, 2022, and a homegoing service, celebrating her life was held on Friday, March 11, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Prayer Church of God in Christ in Columbus, Georgia.

Pastor Rolesta Bernice Boddie Ellis was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina on December 3, 1932, as the daughter of the late Mr. Octavis Boddie and Mrs. Julia Scott Vines as well as the late Fred Vines.

Pastor Ellis met the love of her life, Master Sergeant Clarence Ellis, Sr., USA, Retired, her first year in high school, and the two married in 1951. For over 30 years, she was a dedicated military spouse who traveled extensively with her husband in the continental United States and abroad to Germany and France.

In addition to being a devoted spouse, Pastor Ellis was also a true Woman of Faith. Her commitment as a believer and servant of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, began at the age of 11 and continued through every stage of her life. She maintained lifelong memberships with two congregations, Parks Chapel in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and The Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle in Richmond, Virginia, throughout her life. Once Pastor Ellis answered the call to minister to God's people, she established the Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle of Faith in Columbus, Georgia, where she served as Pastor until she departed from this realm. She was also a founding member of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

Mother Teresa once said that "At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by whether "... when I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, when I was naked, you clothed me, and whether, when I was homeless, you took me in." Pastor Rolesta B. Ellis lived her life to help other people. Because of her love for Jesus Christ and her service to the least of these, the world is indeed a better place.

On a personal note, Pastor Ellis was a special friend to me and encouraged me throughout my career as an attorney, state legislator, and Member of Congress. I will always value the wise counsel and sage advice she shared with me over the years. She did not tell me just what she thought I wanted to hear, but what she felt I needed to hear. My life was enriched because she touched me through her prayers and affirmations.

Pastor Ellis accomplished much in her life, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of her family including her late husband of 66 and a half years, Clarence, Sr.; and her children, Clarence, Jr., Rolesta, Mario, and